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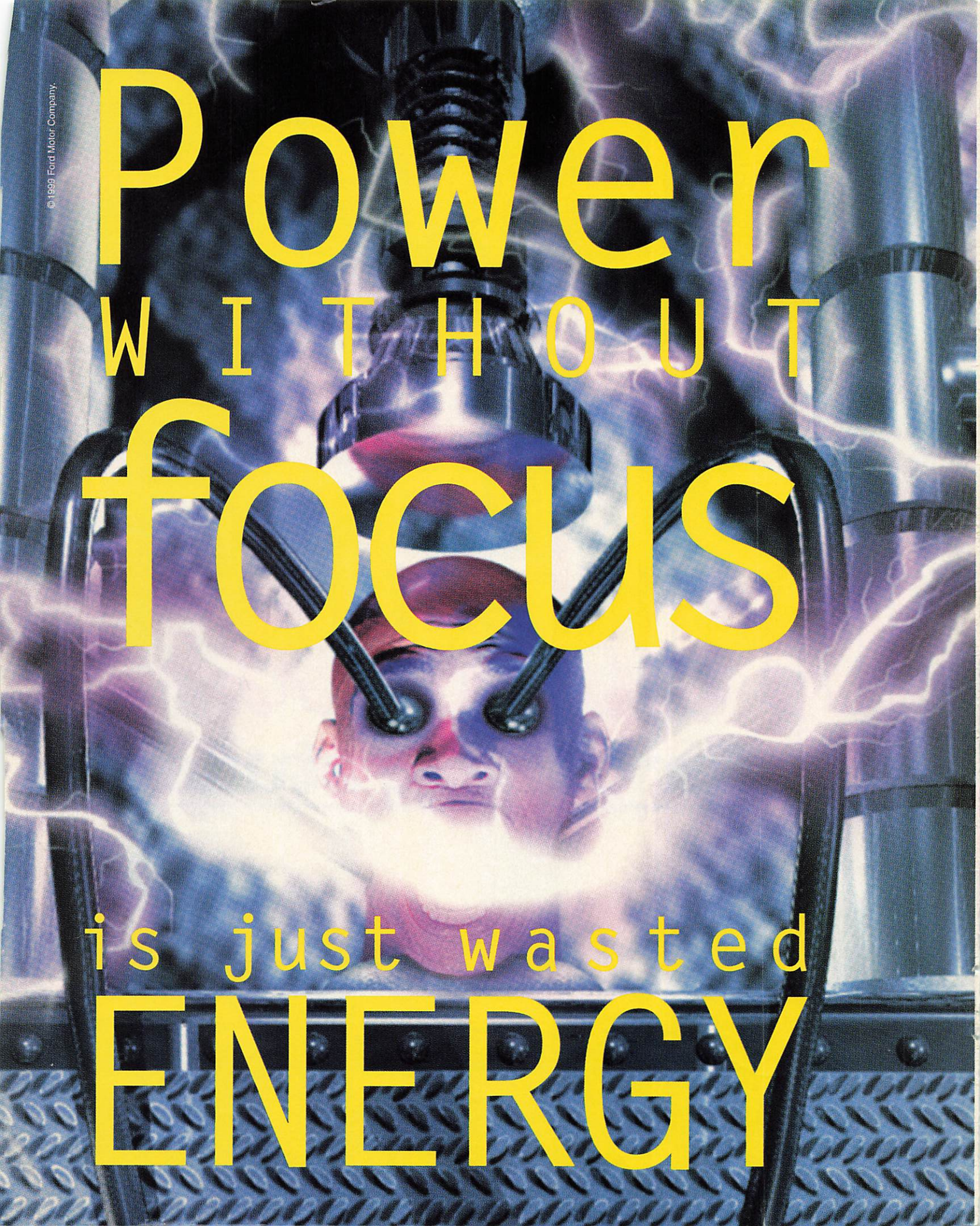

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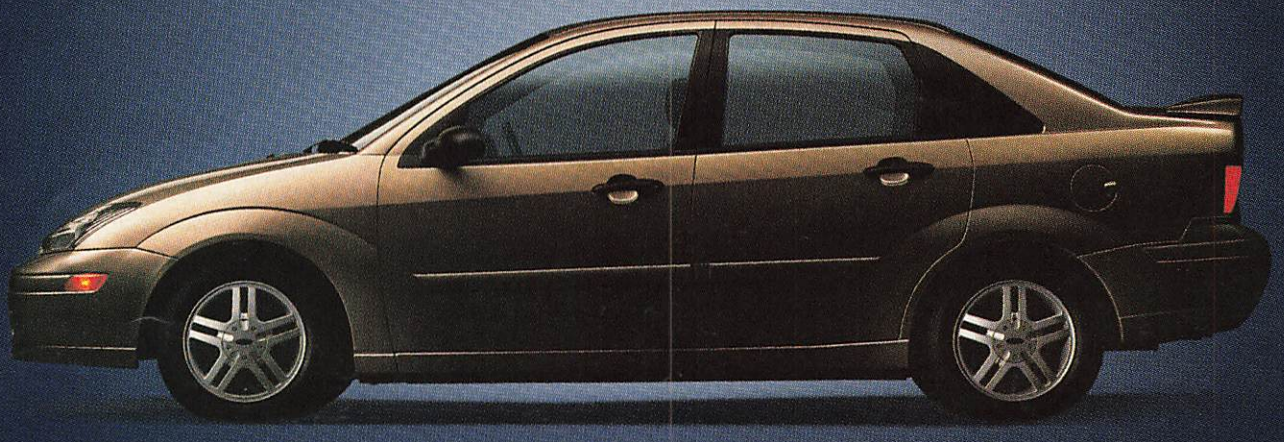

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If you're interested in writing, taking photos or doing illos for the magazine or for our Web site (www.umagazine.com), let us know. Or if you have a story idea or there's something happening at your school that you think we should know about, send it our way. *U.* is your magazine, so tell us what you like about it and what you think sucks. Tell us who you'd like to see on the cover and what you'd like to read about. Send your ideas to: editor@umagazine.com

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freshman S.O.S.

IF YOU'VE LEARNED ANYTHING IN COLLEGE, SHARE IT WITH NEXT YEAR'S NEWBIES

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GET READY TO RUMBLE! HERE COMES HUMAN FUSBALL!
It's like the foosball game you've played in arcades only now, you're in the game. To find out how you can get hU.man fU.sball at your school, go to *U.online* at www.umagazine.com. See article on p. 16.

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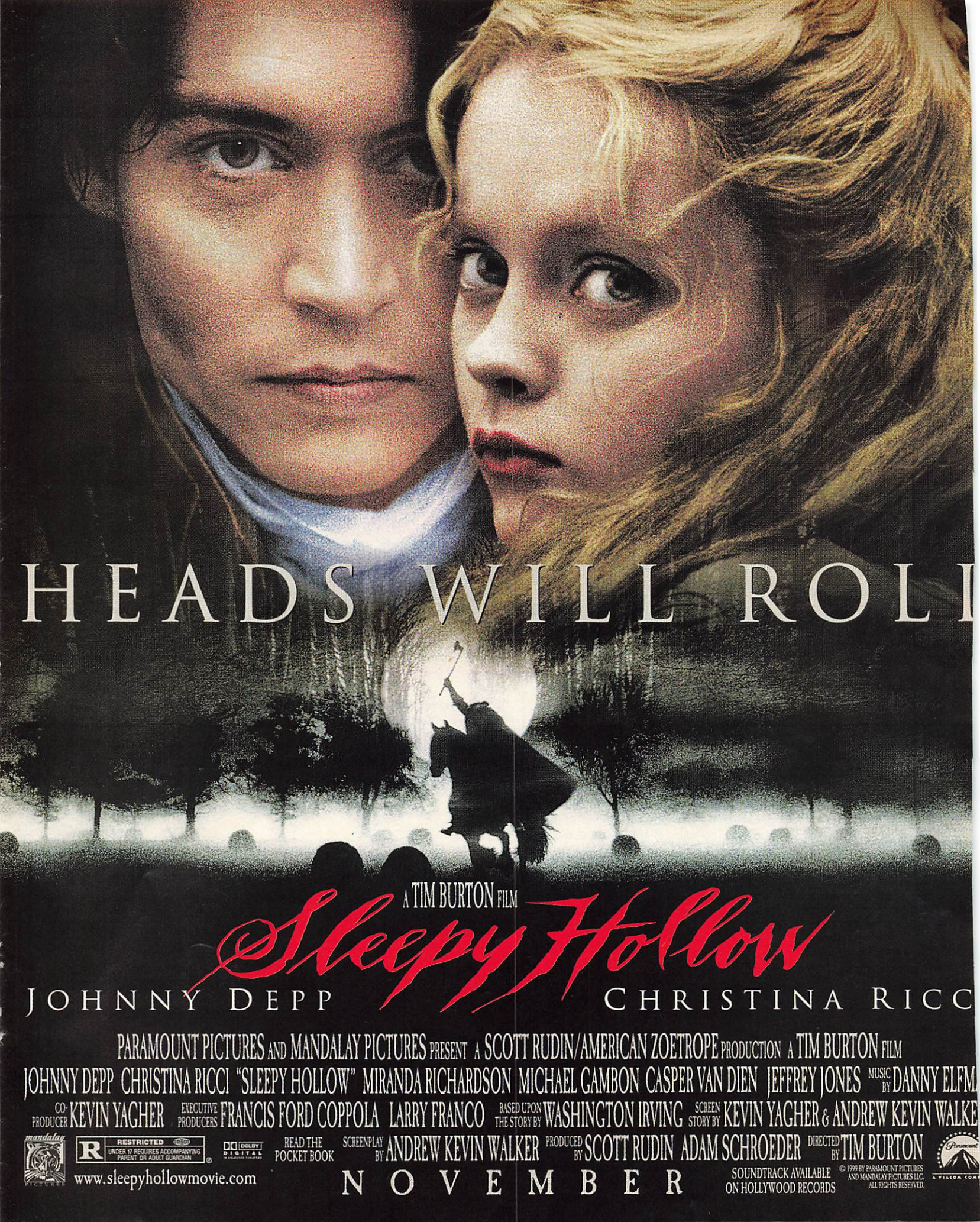
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WHO SHOULD DECIDE HOW YOUR STUDENT REG FEES ARE SPENT?

Big sue

SURE, WE ALL GRIPE ABOUT TUITION, BUT MOST OF US DON'T take the time to find out exactly where all those miscellaneous fees go. Three law students at the **U. of Wisconsin, Madison,** did take the time, and they didn't like what they found. In fact, y were so pissed off about it, they sued the administration in 1996. Now, their se, Southworth vs. Grebe, is headed for the U.S. Supreme Court.

In the case, students Scott Southworth, Amy Schoepke and Keith Bannach — who have since graduated — claim that paying mandatory fees that go toward campus organizations that oppose their ideological or political beliefs is a violation of their free-speech rights. Meanwhile, the university argues that in a college atmosphere of differing viewpoints, all campus groups are entitled to support.

"In order to attend a public university, these students are forced to fund groups who advocate opposing beliefs. I think it's very coercive. If they don't pay these funds, they can't graduate, they can't get their transcripts," says Jordan Lorence, the students' attorney.

So far, the law seems to be siding with the students, who have gotten four more UW students to join the plaintiff list. And in a landmark ruling in August 1998, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit decided the school did not have a "vital policy interest" compelling enough to require a student to pay fees for groups with differing ideologies. Although the court's decision only applies to universities in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, it will probably affect the regulation of student fees at public universities everywhere. Stay tuned.

By Terry Tang, UCLA, Editorial Intern

polls on campus: of georgetown

ULD STUDENTS BE ABLE TO DECIDE W THEIR REG FEES ARE SPENT?

Some students might disagree, but the school has to guarantee freedom of speech to all and thus use the reg fees as they see fit.

ang Chang, sophomore

Students should support the right to free speech even if they don't personally agree with the views of certain groups.

e DeSantis, junior

I believe that students' ideas, beliefs and efforts should be the only thing that drives the agenda of the university.

in Preis, junior

Students should have control over not only their living arrangements and classes, but their money also.

mela Blalock, sophomore

What do you think about the reg fee debate? Answer the poll question at www.umagazine.com or e-mail editor@umagazine.com

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WHERE YOU CAN BITCH ABOUT WHAT'S BUGGING YOU

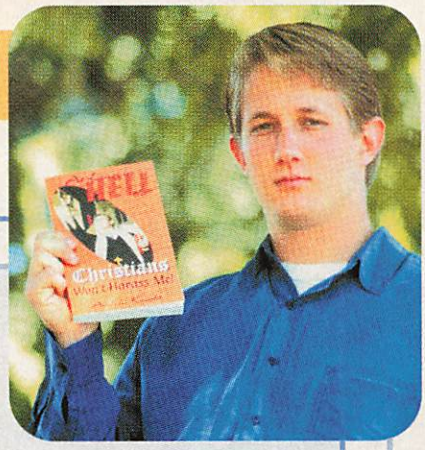

Photo by Robert Terry, U. of California, Berkeley

My mistake!

Shortly after learning that the Doppler Shift of the stars dated the universe at roughly 15 billion years, I ran into a campus preacher. He informed me that the universe was but several thousand years old. Imagine that! All this time, Ph.D.s from the U. of California, Berkeley, and MIT have spent decades studying and quantifying galactic redshift, radioisotope dating, background radiaton, and carbon-14 dating — all for nothing!

It turns out that a finger-pointing Bible-thumper, with no more than an 11th-grade education, has remained one step ahead of the country's nuclear physicists. But campus preachers have to realize that they're not trained scientists. In fact, they're trained in nothing but blind belief. Campus preachers will *never* convert me, and I doubt they'll convert any other students. How ironic that a preacher who would proudly shout the Christian concept, "narrow is the path to salvation," would do so on a university campus — the very place least likely to endorse a narrow mind. College is a place for us to transcend simple-mindedness — a trait so flamboyantly displayed by preachers.

The campus preachers around the country, narrow themselves, represent the worst part of Christianity: they are loud, offensive, prejudiced, loud and loud. While the campus preachers will never be able to change me into an irrational, thoughtless creature motivated only by a desire to avoid hell, they undeniably serve a unique and desirable purpose on campuses around the country: entertainment. Students would ask them to leave but then what would they do in between classes?

Andrew Knight, MIT, is the author of* At Least in Hell the Christians Won't Harass Me, *available on Amazon.com.

u. contributors

Meet students who contributed to this Issue of U.

Kirstin Pesola, Intern — An English major at Loyola Marymount U., Kirstin (she's the one on the right) learned all about investing while drinking Jamba Juice and soaking up rays in L.A. ➤

◄ Matt Sedensky, Writer — A journalism major at New York U., Matt enjoyed writing about the Nude Olympics, but says he still writes all of his articles fully clothed.

Terry Tang, Intern — An editor at UCLA's *Daily Bruin*, Terry wrote about the big reg fee debate for this issue.

Alexei Othenin-Girard, Intern — After helping judge the top 100 web sites, this UC Berkeley freshman is a real web guru.

Kameron Flynn, Photographer — A materials science and engineering major at Northwestern U., Kameron's also quite the photog (see his photo of the Nugget investment group), and he says he makes a mean peach cobbler, too. ➤

Andrew Lyon, Photographer — This UCLA freshman shot three of the stock-savvy students for our investing story. Hope he got some inside trading tips.

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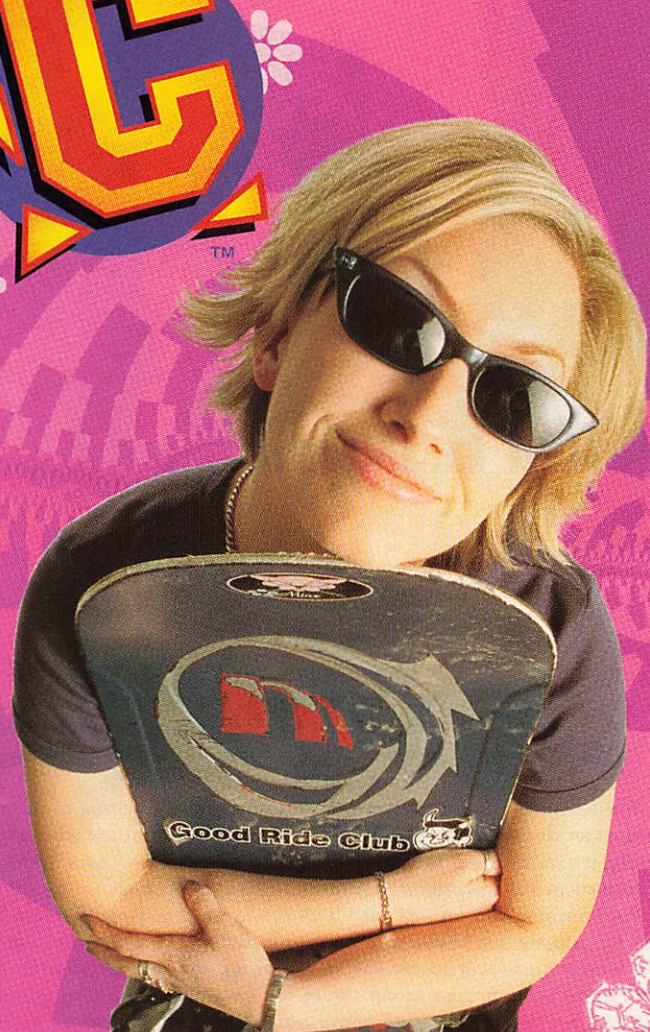

Cindy, a college freshman at the University of Colorado, is living on $300 dollars a month.

She's barely surviving, after buying the season pass at Winter Park.

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u. entrepreneur

name: Matthew Kelley ➤

college: Wesleyan U.

business: Founder and editor-in-chief of *MAVIN*, a print and online magazine (www.mavin.net) targeted at college students from mixed-race backgrounds.

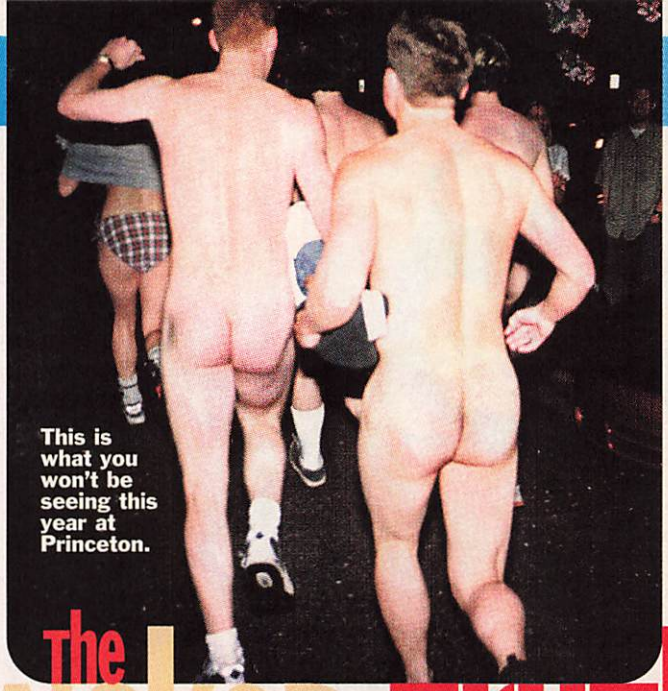
read all about it: The magazine explores the mixed-race experience through literature, interviews, in-depth articles, fashion layouts, informational resources and an interactive Web site.

multi-media man: Matthew, who is of Korean and Caucasian descent, took a year off from school to start the magazine but is returning to Wesleyan this fall as a sophomore.

mixing it up: "Too often, discourse on the experiences of mixed race people is coming from the outside," Matthew says. "*MAVIN* is written by and for young mixed-race people."

get in the mix: If you're interested in contributing to *MAVIN* as a writer or photographer, or would like a subscription, e-mail *MAVIN* at mavin@aa.net or call toll-free at (877) 262-8262.

By Lori Lefevre, Boston College • Photos courtesy of MAVIN



The Naked Truth

PRINCETON BANS NUDE OLYMPICS

SAY BUH-BYE TO BARE BUTTS AND BOOBS — a new policy is giving the boot to Princeton U.'s "Nude Olympics," an annual tradition when sophomores run butt nekkid through a campus courtyard at midnight on the day of the school year's first snowfall.

The au naturel event made headlines in January when a number of students were treated for alcohol poisoning and cited for sexual misconduct and other offenses following the rowdy affair. "It was unlike anything I'd ever seen," says Ryan Salvatore, a sophomore and spectator at last year's balls-out celebration.

But Princeton officials had seen it all before and finally opted to ban the bare-ass run, stating that anyone defying the rule will be stripped of their education in the form of a one-year suspension. "I believe we can no longer tolerate the risks that it has come to pose to our students. I am simply not willing to wait until a student dies before taking preventive action," says the big cheese at Princeton, president Harold Shapiro.

Ryan, who was considering dropping trow for this year's event, doesn't think they're bluffing. "I definitely think it'll be enforced," he says of the suspension policy. Looks like students will have to just grin and, um, "bare" it.

By Matt Sedensky, New York U.

Lab rat

In each issue, a U. reader gets subjected to a weird research project.

Photo by Chris Mortenson, Pennsylvania State U.

lab rat: Eric Wade, senior, mechanical engineering major

college: MIT

research project: a study in amino acids and lysine

length: two eight-day periods

pay: $610

lab rat experience: "All I could eat was 'the pink stuff' — an amino acid drink — and cookies, all issued by the MIT Campus Research Committee. I was given fiber, Tums and other pills for nutrients. Each meal occurred at a prescribed time. At home, I ate/drank decaffeinated, unsweetened tea or coffee, as well as chicken and beef bouillion cubes. This diet lasted for seven days. On the eighth day, I went to the lab and received a six-hour IV."

If you'd like to be a lab rat, or if you've already been one in a research project, tell us about it, and you could be in a future issue: editor@umagazine.com.

THE BEST COLLEGE CARTOONISTS REVEALED

wanna get STRIP searched?

MOVE OVER GARRY TRUDEAU. HERE COME STEPHEN Emond (Middlesex Community Technical College), Jacob M. Lightbody (Orange Coast College) and Brett Schroeder (Ringling School of Art and Design). Don't know who they are? You will. These students are only some of the college cartoonists featured in *Strip Search: Revealing Today's Best College Cartoonists* (Andrews McMeel Publishing, $9.95). If you're looking for a little l.o.l. college humor, sneak a peek at this strip tease.

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webPirate

COPYING DOWNLOADS FOR FRIENDS? GET OUT YOUR CHECKBOOK

THE COST OF COLLEGE LIFE JUST KEEPS ON CLIMBING. Just ask U. of Oregon senior Jeffrey Levy, who pleaded guilty to federal charges of distributing thousands of copyrighted songs, movie clips and software programs through his campus computer connection on August 20. Levy could now face up to three years behind bars and, get this, $250,000 in fines. That's right, $250,000. And you thought student loans were bad.

At one point, Levy was passing the equivalent of about 250 full-length MP3 songs over the school network every hour. University officials noticed the hefty load of data going through Levy's site and contacted law enforcement officials.

It seems that Levy, a public policy management major, hadn't been keeping up with current Congressional policies on copyright infringement. The No Electronic Theft (NET) Act, passed by Congress in 1997 under heavy pressure from the music and software industries, makes distribution of copyrighted material illegal even when there's no profit involved. So, even though Levy wasn't charging any money for access to his site, he's going to have to pay up big-time.

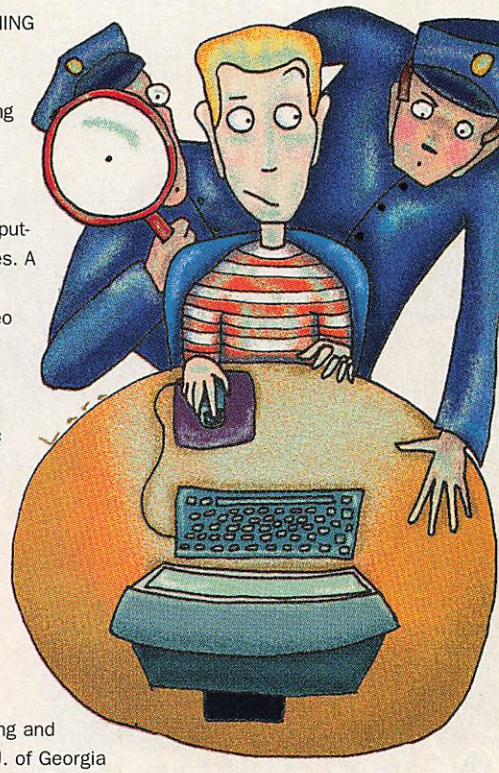
And surprisingly, students aren't rushing out to support the web pirate. "If it was my program or music that someone was giving out for free, I'd want some type of retribution," says Mitch Hochhauser, a sophomore at Syracuse U. "But for a college student who wasn't making any money, jail time is too much. A large fine would leave any student hurting for a long time." Ouch!

By David Konopka, Syracuse U. • Illustration by Mike Hollingsworth, Santa Monica Junior College

click POLICE

ONLINE? YOUR COLLEGE MAY BE WATCHING

IMAGINE GOING TO A COLLEGE WHERE EVERYTHING you did was monitored for good taste. Now add a computer to the hypothetical. What do you get? Acceptable Use Polices. Some schools are instituting these policies to limit how we use the Web and to make sure we act responsibly, ethically and lawfully — guess they don't trust us to do that on our own.



The new emphasis on the dos and don'ts of computer use on campus stems from changing technologies. A few years ago, we couldn't download MP3s on the web. And we certainly couldn't view high-quality video or download large software programs instantly. Fast university connections have made it easy to download mondo files and hard to police — those pesky administrators can look over our shoulders in public places like computer labs and libraries, but it's almost impossible to keep an eye on us in our dorm rooms. But that's not stopping them — many campuses are squelching the download mania by limiting bandwidth. Leigh Chodos, a Boston U. senior and computer lab T.A., says, "Our server limits downloads on our connection to 2MBs, which isn't large enough to download MP3s or large software programs."

Other common computer don'ts: e-mail spamming and viewing pages that might harass others. And the U. of Georgia takes an anti-entrepreneurial policy by forbidding advertising on personal pages hosted by the university. If you're the next Bill Gates, you'd better check to make sure your college doesn't crash your computer use.

By Ken Morico, U. of Connecticut • Illustration by Mabel Andrea Lara, Brigham Young U.

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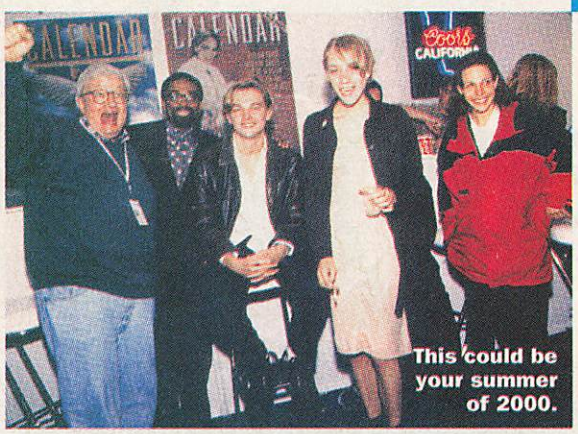

SOUND TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE? NOT FOR JANA PETROSINI, A BOSTON U. GRAD. YEP, WHILE THE REST OF US were schlepping coffee and making copies during our summer internships, Jana was schmoozing with celebs at The Cannes Film Festival. Talk about cool, Jana did an unpaid PR internship for the American Pavilion, working with a variety of people in the film industry, like actors, directors, production assistants and the media. The advertising major describes the frenzy of press conferences and panels with the likes of Spike Lee, Ron Howard and Hugh Hefner as "a sight L.A. would relish." Jana mainly assisted a well-known publicist, but she says other interns had it easier: "A select few of our peers were invited to the Riviera with no other job requirement than to 'schmooze.' This word became our manifesto at the festival. It's the only way to gain access to parties." And what about the celebs — Val Kilmer, Jon Bon Jovi, Kirsten Dunst, Salma Hayek, Heather Graham, Mike Myers and others? Jana says, "Most were extremely friendly and nice, with the exception of one who will remain anonymous, and probably intoxicated."

If you want to say "oui, oui" to next year's internship program in Cannes, get an app by calling (310) 837-0183 or go to www.ampav.com. Deadline for apps is February 15, 2000.

By Ken Morico, U. of Connecticut

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100 top web sites for college students

When we here at *U. Magazine* started getting press releases on a daily basis from new web sites geared to us college students, we weren't sure which ones were worth telling you about and which ones were just corporate America's way of getting us to fork over more cash. So we decided to check 'em out to find out which sites were worth bookmarking. We went to students all around the country to help us root out and judge the best sites. The criteria? We won't give you our secret ranking formula, but we will say that the sites had to be useful to college students and specifically geared to students. And even though we may spend more time downloading MP3s and searching for celeb gossip than doing our homework, we didn't include sites like that because they aren't college specific. So, here, after hours of clicking, clicking and more clicking is our first annual list of the top 100 web sites for college students. Of course, we admit that we may have missed your fave, and if we did, you can tell us about it at editor@umagazine.com and maybe we'll include it in next year's list.

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The graphics are great, the site is easy to navigate and the links include everything from career help and résumé tips to sports and music. It's all you need in one compact site.

InsideGuide.com
www.insideguide.com
With about 50 colleges on its roster so far, this 100% student-driven site which launched in July 1999 lets you express your viewpoint on everything from your school's professors and politics to music and the local nightclub scene.

Campus Station.com
www.campussation.com
"Get the inside scoop on classes and grading. Want to know if your professor gives a lot of As? This is the site."
— ***Kirstin Pesola, Loyola Marymount U.***

e-poll

If they had to choose from the following items, students could most easily live without:

Radio	50%
TV	26%
Internet Access	15%
Phone	9%

Source: U. Magazine poll conducted on Memolink.com

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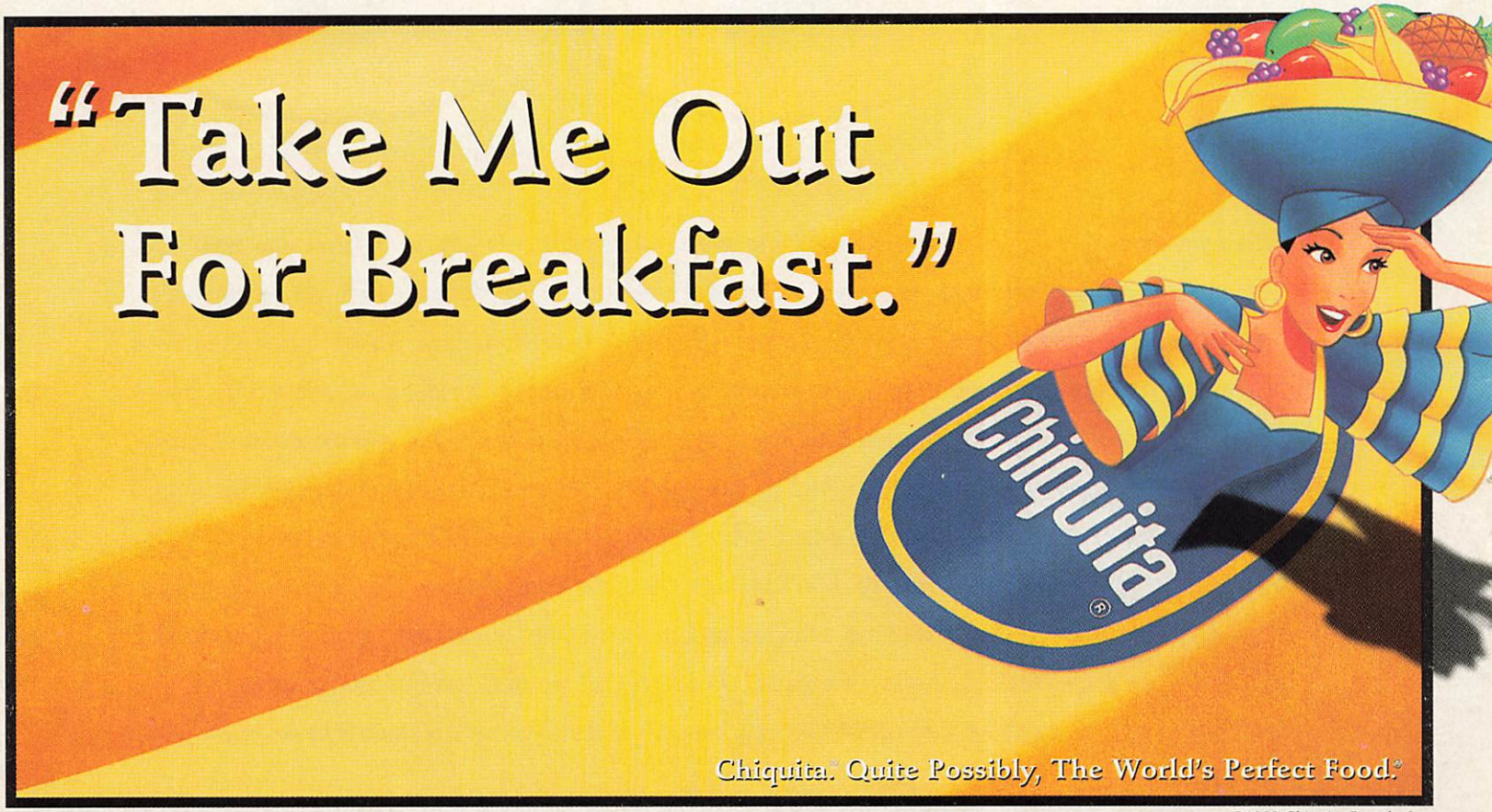

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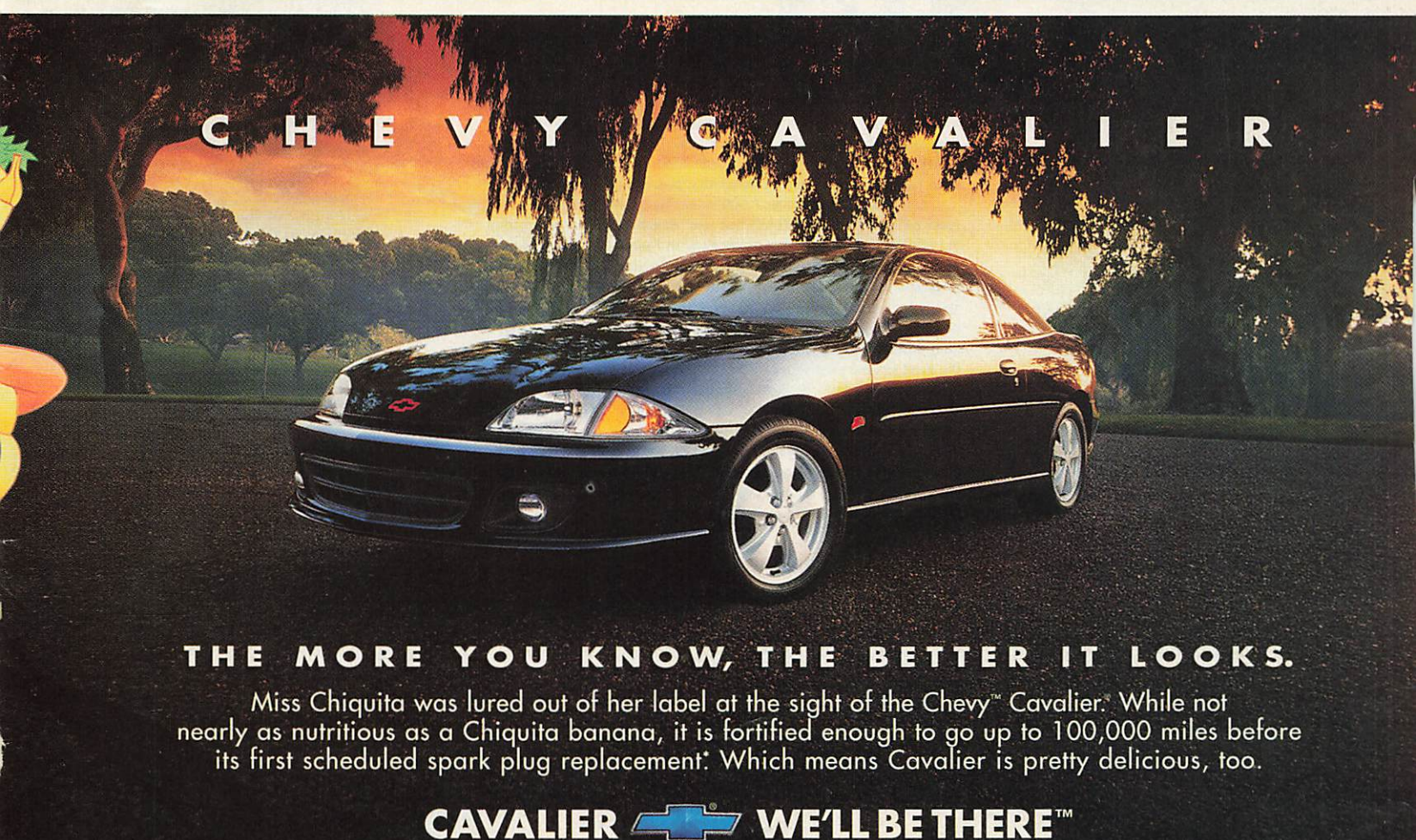

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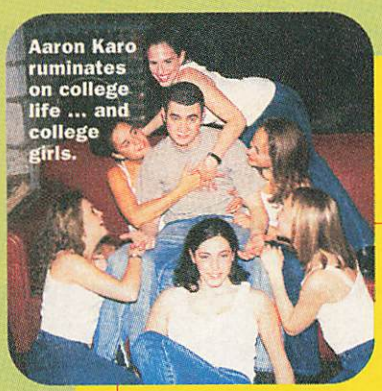
Aaron Karo ruminates on college life ... and college girls.

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TOP 100 SPOTLIGHT

night owl: When U. of Pennsylvania sophomore Aaron Karo can't get any shut-eye, he writes down the random thoughts keeping him from catching zzz's and e-mails them to people. And they love it. • **think about that:** Two years after he e-mailed his initial issue to 20 friends, Aaron's *Ruminations on College Life* — on subjects ranging from class readings to hook-ups to things that piss him off — has a direct e-mail circulation of more than 7,500 subscribers, and his Web site received more than 34,000 hits last year. *Ruminations* has even gotten the attention of readers from as far away as Finland and Japan. • **money matters:** Aaron has started selling ads on the site and sells the content to various companies that market to college students. "But I still do it for the love," Aaron says. • **check it out:** For a free subscription to *Ruminations on College Life* (futures.wharton.upenn.edu/~aaronkar), e-mail Aaron at aaronkar@wharton.upenn.edu. • **ruminate on this:** "Why do people feel the need to take their shoes off while taking a test or studying?" • **ruminate on this:** " "College life is like a f—ked-up spin cycle: Sleep, Beer, Eat, Work (a little), Beer, repeat as necessary." • **ruminate on this:** "Why are the last few days before you leave for college when you run around trying to see everyone you didn't bother to hang out with the whole summer?" • **ruminate on this:** " "In many ways, going to class is like Sea World. If you choose to sit in the first two rows, you know you are going to get called on. That's the splash zone."

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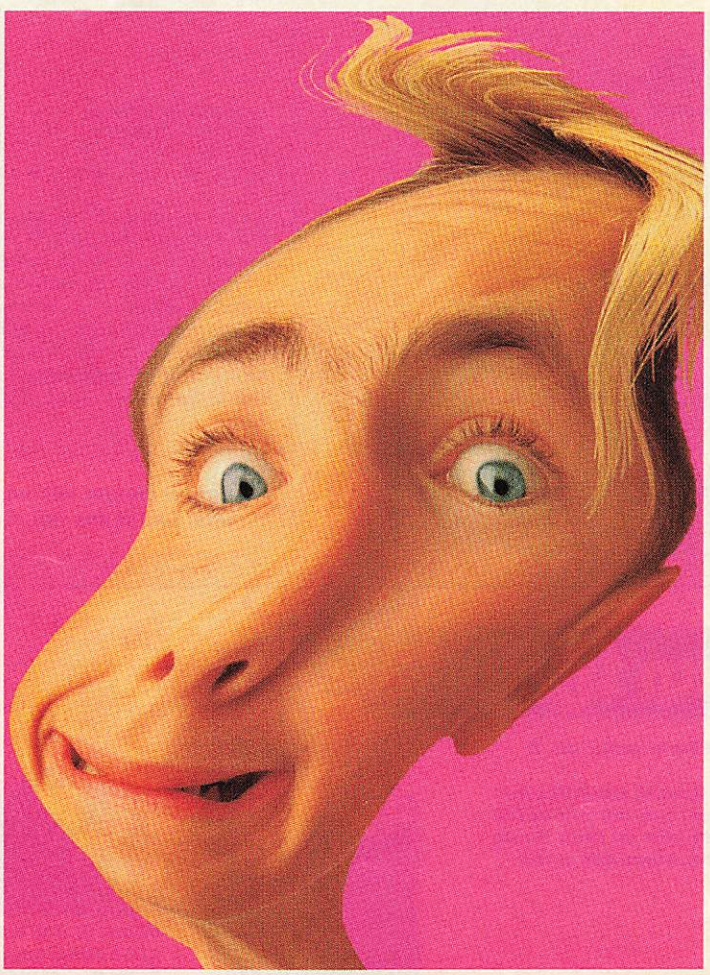

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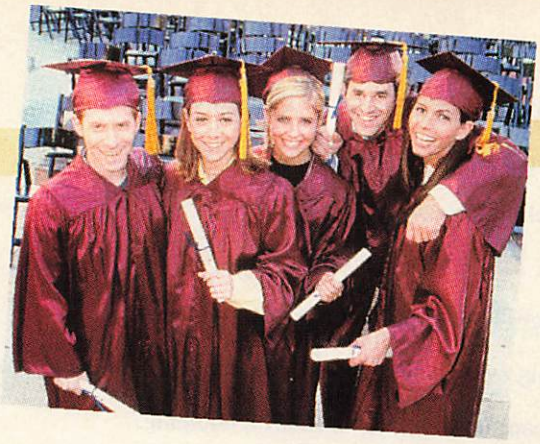

UC SUNNYDALE COLLEGE APPLICATION

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PERSONAL ESSAY

Tell us about an influential person in your life and how that person has affected you.

I met the love of my life in high school. His name is Angel, and he taught me that even though some guys are pretty cold-blooded — corpse-like even — and scared to be seen with you in broad daylight, it doesn't mean that they are all bad. Angel was my soul mate. Until he lost his soul, that is. He was sweet and caring until the night of my 17th birthday. That's the night we took our relationship to the next level. I've heard of guys becoming distant and detached after sex, but Angel took it to the extreme. He turned into a real monster. And then came the excuses: he was cursed by a gypsy's spell, he could never experience one moment of pure bliss, the lines just kept on coming. I think he was freaked out by the whole commitment thing. I learned that no matter how much you love someone, some relationships just aren't healthy. So I drove a stake into his heart.

DESCRIBE SOME OF YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

I'm a real leader around Sunnydale. I ran for prom queen, but my senior prom happened to fall on the same night as Slayer Feast '99. Instead of fighting for the crown, I ended up fighting for my life. I also organized the entire senior class to destroy a 700-foot serpent, halt the evil mayor's ascension and stop the end of the world on graduation day.

WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL?

I'm really going to miss my fellow students. They've taught me a lot about life. Time and time again, they've proven that appearances mean nothing. Ampata appeared to be a sweet, Peruvian exchange student, but then she tried to drain the life out of Xander. The swim team looked like hotties in their Speedos, but turned out to be fish monsters. Faith, a fellow slayer, seemed like a friend I could really relate to until she sided with the evil mayor and tried to kill me before the senior ball, that is. And who would have ever thought I would become friends with Cordelia?

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT COLLEGE?

I feel that over the past four years in high school I've killed a lot of evil spirits — werewolves, seamonsters, warlocks and the run-of-the-mill vampires, to name a few. Fighting the same old demons day in and day out can get so boring. I try to challenge myself by wearing stacked heels and tight skirts, but it's become so mundane. As a slayer, I feel I've done everything I can here at Sunnydale High, and I'm hoping college has more to offer.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM CLASS SCHEDULE?

List four classes you would most want to take.

Count Dracula to Drusilla: Vampires on the Big Screen
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For example, take a look at her circle of friends. One's a witch, and one's a lost soul who's more than 400 years old and is in need of some serious orthodontia. And I can be a real beast around that time of the month.

Second, Buffy always puts others first and herself last. If a fellow student is in danger, Buffy will brave the perils of hell to protect him or her. Sorry to cut this short, but I see a full moon rising. Off to my cage.

Respectfully,
Oz

To Whom It May Conern:

It's safe to say this town wouldn't be the same without Buffy Summers. Without Buffy, we would see corpses walking the streets and demons sucking the innocence out of our town. Do we really want to see Sunnydale become another L.A.?

I wouldn't be the same without Buffy, either. She's been a true friend, always coaxing me to explore my talents. Without Buffy's encouragement, I probably never would have learned that the magic potion for finding love — or a vampire's soul — is only a few herbs and rat hairs away. Wait a minute, why am I writing this letter? It's admit-Buffy-to-college spell time.

Sincerely,
Willow Rosenberg

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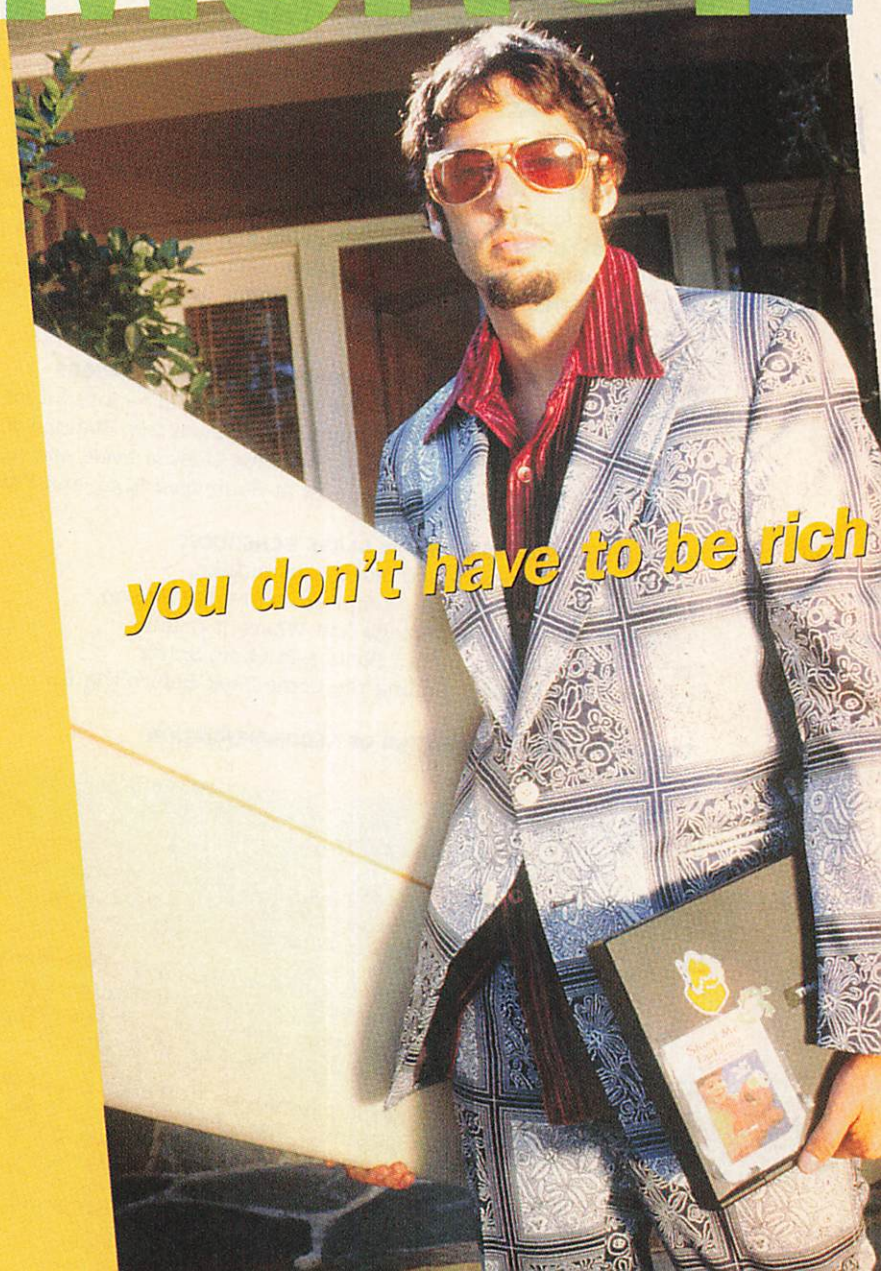

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Selena Maranjian offers suggestions in her book, *Investment Clubs: How to Start and Run One the Motley Fool Way.*

1. Talk to students to find out who's fired up about investing.
2. Look for students with a variety of interests. "Pre-med students might help study pharmaceutical companies; business students might be well-versed in the retail industry," she says.
3. Hold a preliminary meeting to gauge member commitment.
4. Divide the work so club members research different topics.
5. Don't invest together right away. "Collecting and recordkeeping can get complicated, so start a club that learns, researches and discusses companies together, but stops short of pooling money."

Nugget investors Todd Erskine, Todd Martin and Jason Waugh.

Photo by Kameron Flynn, Northwestern U.

the nugget investment group

school: Northwestern U.

getting started: In 1997, a group of Northwestern students formed the club to learn about money and how to make more of it.

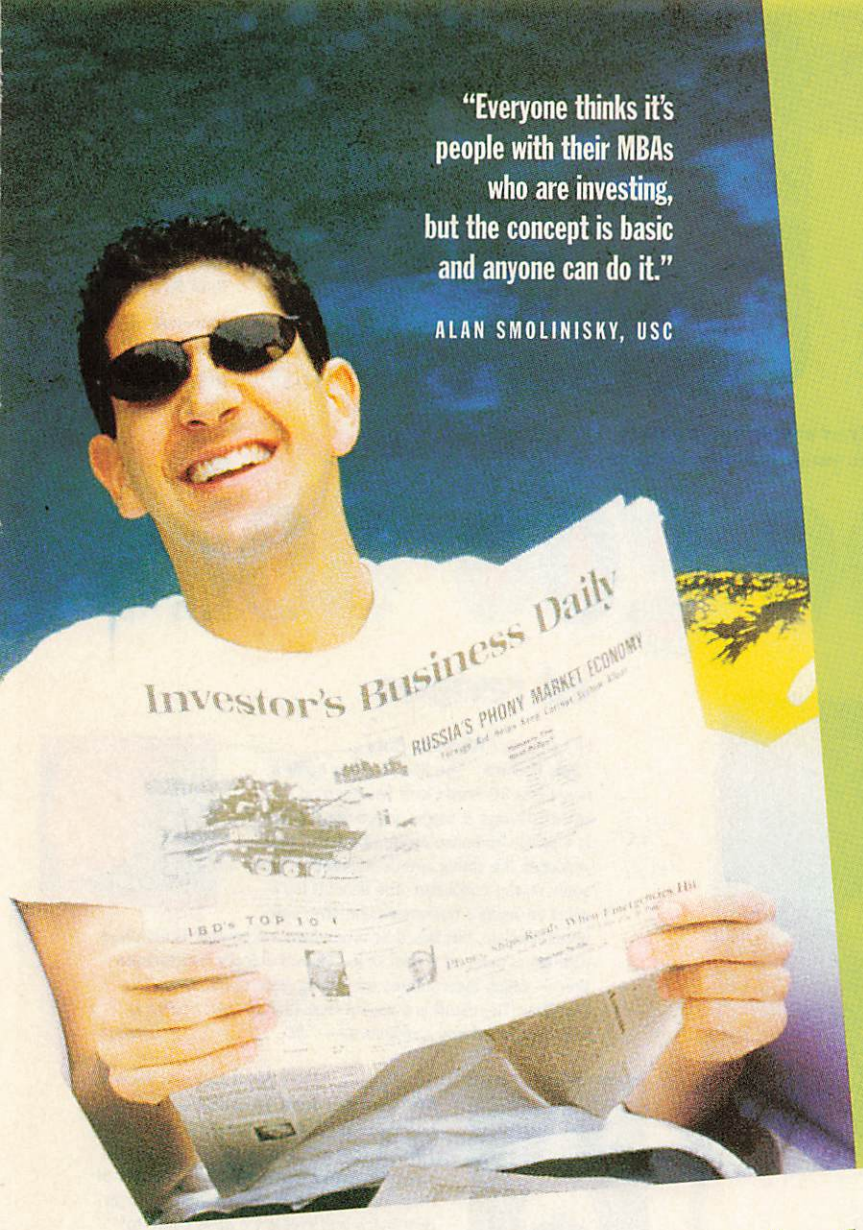
site: www.thenugget.com

clubperks: "You can buy a lot more stocks than you could on your own because you can pool more money together," says club member Jason Waugh, a junior.

money talks: The group has made an impressive 25-percent annual return on their investment.

picking stocks: Students research stocks and vote on which ones to buy or sell, then do their trading online through E*trade (www.etrade.com).

hot stocks: Microsoft, Coke, Disney and "products you use on an everyday basis."



"Everyone thinks it's people with their MBAs who are investing, but the concept is basic and anyone can do it."

ALAN SMOLINISKY, USC

trade secrets

You might not know the difference between a bull and a bear market, but hey, you can learn. Plenty of Web sites are geared to teaching young investors stock market know-how. Common favorites? U. of Pennsylvania freshman Jay Liebowitz's Wall Street Wizard (www.streetwhiz.com), U. of Central Florida senior Ryan Totka's College Investors (www.collegeinvestors.com) and The Motley Fool (www.fool.com). Designed "to educate, amuse and enrich the individual investor," the Fool site is loaded with tips and hints for even the "new fool." Heck, they'll even send you a free book on investing if you request one.

Once you get the lingo down, start researching the companies you're thinking about investing in. It sounds a lot like school, but remember — this homework can earn more than just good grades.

As for the starter cash, don't worry. You don't have to be a rich kid to start investing now. In recent years, online trading has made getting involved in the stock market easier — and cheaper. Instead of going to a stockbroker and paying a couple hundred dollars for a trade, you can do it on your computer for $15.

Sound too good to be true? Well, it can be if you're not prepared to roll with the big bulls, says Alan Smolinisky, a sophomore at the U. of Southern California, who has been investing since he was 17. "The Internet is dangerous because you might not know what you're doing and you can lose money," Alan warns.

join the club

That said, you might not have the cash or the cajones to plunge into the stock market on your own, so think about joining a campus investment club. Northwestern U. has The Nugget Investment Group; your school might have one, too.

If not, starting your own is simple. For a small fee, the National Association of Investors Corp. (NAIC) will give you all the paperwork needed to start an investment club. You can also download starter documents from The Nugget Web site. So what are you waiting for? Ditch that campus job and do your best Cuba Gooding Jr. imitation: It's time somebody showed you the money.

to invest in the stock market

By Kirstin Pesola, Loyola Marymount U.
Photos by Andrew Lyon, UCLA

"For about eight years, the stock market has been going up almost nonstop. $24 trillion of wealth has been created in the last eight years alone."

JAY LIEBOWITZ, U. OF PENNSYLVANIA

"Look at past performances of stocks, read as much as possible, learn about economics and get a good background on businesses."

JOSHUA KAGAN, WESLEYAN U.

Photo courtesy of Lee Shenloogian

"In a personal finance class, we had to mock invest $20,000, so I got a pretty good background. I don't invest money now, but I plan on it in the future."

LEE SHENLOOGIAN, U. OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

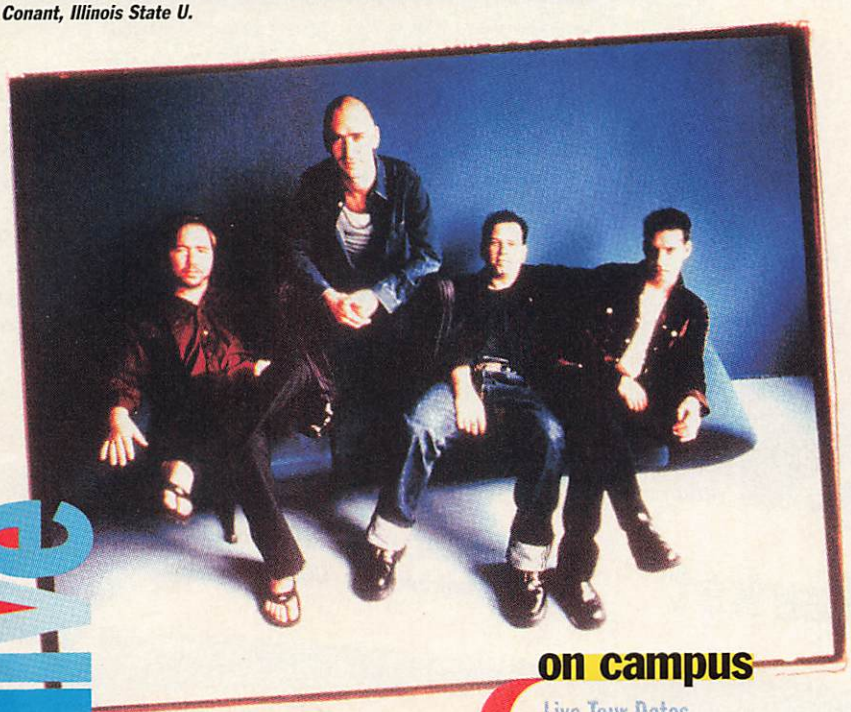
on campus

11•17	The Pit U. of New Mexico
11•18	Universal - Irvine UC, Irvine
11•19	RIMAC Arena UC, San Diego

goo goo dolls

"IN A COUPLE OF YEARS IT WON'T JUST BE DAVID BOWIE OUT THERE IIKE A Fruit Loop being Captain Internet," says Warner Bros. recording artist Jude, who predicts that artists will soon be using the Internet to expand both their fan base and their creative potential. Jude is part of the all-college MP3 tour which is currently trekking across the country, spreading the word about the musical power of the Web. Also on board are less-than-techno-savvy rockers The Goo Goo Dolls. Bassist Robby Takac admits that he and the rest of the Goos have been "slow moving into computers," but adds that "the availability of people being able to receive things directly into their homes is going to make some changes in the music industry, so when [MP3] approached us about this tour, we thought it would be a pretty good way of getting involved with it early on." The tour, which has already passed through colleges like the U. of Illinois, Penn State U., Temple U. and the U. of Florida, will continue through the new millennium. The revolution, these artists predict, has only just begun.

For the full interview with Robby Takac, see www.umagazine.com.
By Brian Conant, Illinois State U.



live

on campus

Live Tour Dates

11•16	Orono, Maine Alfond Arena
11•18	Boston, Mass. Orpheum Theatre
11•19	New York City Hammerstein Ballroom
11•21	Upper Darby, Penn. Tower Theater
12•31	Hershey, Penn. Hershey Arena

THE NEW LIVE ALBUM COMES AT YOU LIKE A RIP TIDE — it washes you out, drags you under and never lets you up for air. Sounds pretty ominous, but when you consider the lyrical content of *Distance to Here*, Live's fourth LP, you realize the album actually has a massively positive message. Just ask Ed Kowalczyk, the band's eccentric and compassionate frontman. He says the new record is all about being more positive and loving — a message he says makes the new record unique and worthwhile, especially to America's youth. "I think we're on the cusp of being able to incarnate a powerful group of people who combine intelligence, love and compassion for the world. But I think we need more and more art — even more rock 'n' roll — to create a soundtrack for moving on in love and in positivity." Not only does Kowalczyk talk the talk, but he'll walk the walk with his upcoming tour which will bring his soundtrack of positive love vibes to college venues. "It's important to us with this fall U.S. tour to reintegrate with our fans on a real basic level and that takes place in smaller venues," he says. "It's really important for us to get out there and see people face to face with this record." — *BC*

For the full interview with Ed Kowalczyk, see www.umagazine.com.

cd reviews

Fiona Apple / *When the Pawn ...* / Epic Records The title to Fiona Apple's new CD is 90 words long (we counted twice). Though it seems unpractical, there is a subtle brilliance in the title poem that precedes the young siren's sophomore (not sophomoric) collection. The new CD isn't short on Apple's trademark abrasive, emotional lyricism, but this time around her outpouring is matched with equal parts of producer Jon Brion's eclectic instrumentation — which incorporates everything from synthesizers to a Wurlitzer. The result is a record that, like all good poetry, is both controlled and ambiguous. — *BC* **Grade: A**

Stone Temple Pilots / *No. 4* / Atlantic Records STP frontman Scott Weiland's drug addiction currently has him behind bars, and in 1996 it cost him his band. On STP's straightforward fourth CD the depletion of their leading man is chronicled by the jarring lyrics and music we have come to expect from the tormented quartet. But ven though Weiland's addiction may be keeping him down, there is remarkable lyrical and musical freedom to be found in the caged bird's desperate, grinding cry. — *BC* **Grade: B+**

The Counting Crows / *This Desert Life* / DGC•Geffen•Interscope Once again, the Counting Crows have constructed a masterpiece by poking around in frontman Adam Duritz's emotional wounds. But there's a new twist this side of the Band-Aid thanks to Cracker frontman David Lowery who served as producer. Lowery's hillbilly rock sensibility helps the Crows recover from 1996's melancholy and paranoid *Recovering the Satellites* by pushing up the tempo (save a few trademark ballads). The band's first single "Hangingaround" is perhaps their most spirited yet. — *BC* **Grade: A**

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy / *This Beautiful Life* / Interscope Don't bother to tell this six-piece Southern Cali swing band that swing has already swung out of fashion. On the sixth cut off their second CD, *This Beautiful Life*, crooner Scotty Morris beats you to the punchline. "Things have changed / And they are only getting better." Indeed. On *This Beautiful Life*, these hippest of all hip-cats maintain their smoky swagger and rely heavily on their horn-driven blend of swing that's so much damn fun it'll make you wish it was 1998 all over again. — *BC* **Grade: B**

THE NAME IS MANSON, SHIRLEY MANSON, AND WHEN the new James Bond film *The World is Not Enough* hits screens worldwide this winter, Manson, who is the lead vixen of the post-industrial superband Garbage, will be the one singing Bond's theme song (with the help of an 83-piece orchestra they used to help record the track).

Yet while being picked to croon the theme seems like the ultimate in golden opportunities, Manson insists it was more like destiny for her famed four-piece.

"We've always wanted to do a Bond theme, literally from the first day we came together, it was something we could do justice to. A lot of it has to do with the sound of my voice — it's quite lower than some of the girls who have done Bond themes in the past — they have all had sort of girlie voices," she says. "I also think the way the Bond songs are put together is sort of the same as the way we put songs together, in that you take something that is essentially traditional with some technological and classical elements — something that seems very pop-oriented and easy to digest at the surface, but if you dig deeper, should you wish, there are sort of threads in a darker vein."

The video is already in circulation on MTV, and soon enough Garbage will also be in circulation via MTV as they ready to headline MTV's fall College Invasion Tour in support of last year's multi-platinum album *Version 2.0*.

"We wanted to come and tour the States before we quit this whole cycle, and we were tying to put a tour together at the same time as MTV approached us to see if we would be interested in doing the Campus Invasion. Seeing as how we have such a huge following in the schools around America we thought it would make a really good package for our fans," Manson says.

The College Invasion Tour also includes Orange County rockers Lit (you know, those guys in the bowling video) and a free interactive daytime festival with booths where concert-goers watch videos, play Playstation games, try out to be part of *The Real World* cast or even learn how to mix and sc-sc-sc-scratch records with lessons provided by a guest DJ.

on campus

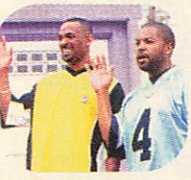
MTV Campus Invasion Tour Dates

11•16	Southern Methodist U.
11•17	Steven F. Austin U.
11•20	U. of Arizona
11•22	Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
11•23	UC San Diego
11•24	UC Irvine

As hard as it is to believe, the College Invasion gig will be Garbage's first ever college-oriented tour. "Sometimes these things just don't work out. Sometimes when we're touring, the colleges aren't in session or vice versa, and this is the first time it has just sort of clicked for our schedule. It's great because we know that a groundswell of our support comes from the colleges and universities of America, and this seems like a great way to finish up the tour." No kidding. We just hope they really bond with the students on the tour. — ***BC***

For the full interview with Shirley Manson go to www.umagazine.com.

screen savers



next friday — No Smokey this time, but Craig (Ice Cube) is back and he's forced to live with his relatives in the 'burbs. You can bet the quiet neighborhood is about to go up in smoke.

any given sunday — Are you ready for some football? Director Oliver Stone and players Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz and Jamie Foxx sure hope so as they try to score with this gridiron drama.

the green mile — Based on a Stephen King novella, this flick chronicles the surprising friendship between a former death row prison guard and an inmate.

man on the moon — If you ever saw "Taxi" on Nick at Nite, you know Andy Kaufman's crazy character, Latka. But the characters in Kaufman's real life were even crazie

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dear blabby

you ask the questions and you give the advice

SEX: DO IT NOW OR WAIT 'TIL LATER?

dear blabby,

My boyfriend and I have never had sex. We're going to different colleges next year and he says that we should have sex before leaving for college to prove our love for each other. I'm not sure. What do you think?

Do It or Don't?, soon-to-be-freshman at U. of Oregon

Dump the creep! He's WAY out of line. Save yourself for someone who respects U and is less immature than trying to get U knocked up. — ***Liz, Whittier College***

We've been dating for more than two years, and we've never had sex. In the fall, we'll be going to different colleges but we are still going to wait. We think it proves that we love each other by keeping our relationship alive over the distance instead of using the separation as an excuse for sex. It's easy to have sex but waiting really proves how much you care about each other. Why would sex prove your love? People have sex all the time for reasons other than love. If you really were in love you would know it and wouldn't need to prove it with sex. — ***Dan and Karri, U. of Louisville and Asbury College***

Don't do it! In fact, unless you two are going to the same college, break it off now, or at least agree to see other people. There are so many opportunities that you will miss out on because you're attached to someone who isn't at the same school. The missed opportunities and jealousy will tear the relationship apart. — ***Chris, U. of Cincinnati***

If I were you when your boyfriend made that statement, I would have slapped him in the head. You don't have to have sex to prove your love before you go to college or for any other reason! There are other ways to show your love for one another: send each other mushy letters or silly presents, talk on the phone or make a video of yourself telling your boyfriend how much you love him and miss him. There are so many alternatives, you just have to have a creative mind. Sex should be special, not a good-bye tactic, especially if you are both virgins. Do it when you feel it's right and for the right reasons, not because you're leaving for college. — ***Marcie***

Personally I think you should have sex with him. If you're going to different colleges, but you're planning on sticking together then you won't have many other chances to do it. And if you're planning on breaking up after senior year do it anyway, because if he sucks you won't feel quite as bad leaving him, and if he's good you can get a few pointers for when you go to college. — ***Emily, Bryn Mawr College***

Have you no respect for yourself? Having sex is not the way for you to prove your love to each other, even if you really want to and are completely ready for it. Based on the fact that you are questioning it at all suggests to me that you are not completely ready. If you were, you would have done it willingly already. If he wants to prove his love to you, he should respect your comfort zone, not pressure you into giving in to his carnal desires. — ***Adrian Breitenbach, Metropolitan State College of Denver***

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MY FRIEND BOUGHT A TERM PAPER

dear blabby,

My friend and I are in the same English class and we had to write a paper for our final. I worked really hard and got a B- but my friend bought her paper off the Internet and got an A. Now she's bragging about how easy it is to get good grades. Should I rat on her?

Honest Abe at New York U.

Rat on her! You know very well the policy that we have here at NYU: no plagiarism. You are doing no good keeping your mouth shut, you are shaming yourself and your other classmates. Many professors grade on a curve and your friend could be throwing off the curve. Stand up for what is right! And remember that if you do, your grade might improve. You can always write an anonymous letter to the professor and drop it in their mailbox. — ***Christian, New York U.***

It is your duty to find out where your friend got the paper and report it to the professor. Crime doesn't pay. Cheaters never win. He/she who laughs last laughs best. You owe it to yourself. — ***Anonymous***

I don't think this problem is so much about honesty as it is about you wanting to receive praise for your honesty. You did the right thing — you wrote your own paper. Don't let your friend's laziness affect you so much. Relax, it'll all come back to your friend in the long run. Karma, baby. — ***Vicki, Penn State U., University Park***

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS FOR AN UPCOMING ISSUE

My girlfriend goes to college in another state so we talk on the phone all the time. I just got my first phone bill and it's $280! I don't have that kind of cash and I can't call mom and dad to beg for money. What should I do?

Broke at Bryn Mawr

I'm gay, but I haven't told anybody yet. My problem is that I'm starting to get a crush on my roommate, but I'm afraid if I tell him, he'll tell everyone about me. Should I tell him or just suffer in silence?

Still in the Closet at U. of California, Santa Cruz

To answer these questions or to ask your own question, e-mail editor@umagazine.com or go to U.online at www.umagazine.com.

U quickies

weird and way-out news from a campus near you

Droid Hall

MIT

Maybe their light sabers lost their luster. Maybe Jabba the Hut's stench started getting to them. Whatever the reason, *Star Wars* fanatics at MIT refused to confine the force to their dorm rooms any longer. Off they went, into the night, to decorate the famous MIT dome as R2-D2. Destructive? Heck no. These campus pranksters acted with the honor of a jedi warrior — not only did they leave police detailed instructions on dismantling the droid, they established an excellent arrest-avoidance technique by leaving a box of doughnuts as well. Or maybe that was just a clever way to keep the cops busy while they groomed campus grounds into one of Queen Amidala's infamous hairstyles.

Stopping Stop Day?

U. of Kansas

For one day each year, this rebel school puts on Stop Day, a one-day deal before finals week where everyone puts the stop on everything — from homework to tests. Unfortunately, we think the power may have gone to Kansas State U.'s head — there is actually talk of stopping stop day. With respect to the long-standing tradition, we have only two words for those whose toes are applying the brakes: Stop it.

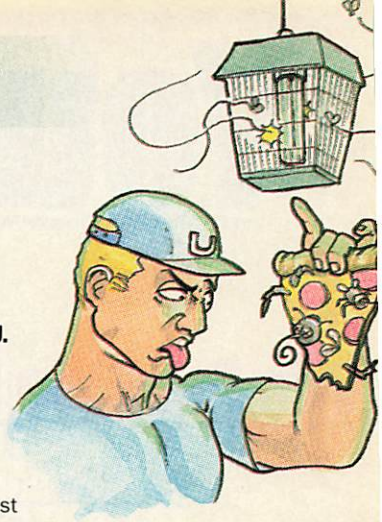
Do the Right Thing

Davidson College

Thirty bucks can buy a lot of things. But it certainly can't buy sophomore Kim Gardner's high moral code. The ethical optimist, after finding $30 in the street, taped a sign to the sidewalk where she found the dough, requesting the rightful owner to give her a call. Turns out, the rightful owner was just to her right — it was lost by the friend with whom she'd been walking at the time. In the future, we recommend a better use for Kim's masking tape: to seal up her friend's pockets.

Buggin' Out

Kansas State U.



And you thought excess fat on your food was a pest? Try excess pest parts. That's right. Researchers at Kansas State U. have determined that the common bug zapper — you know, that buzzing, blue-lit thingamabob hanging directly over your family picnic table — can blow bug bits like wings, antennae, legs, eyes and innards up to six feet away. Sounds yummy, huh? Well, never fear. Microbiologist James Urban has some reassuring words for fretful picnickers: "I don't think it's as risky as unsafe sex or something like that." Assuming no one tries to get busy with one, of course.

By Alexei Othenin-Girard, Editorial Intern, U. of California, Berkeley • Illustrations by David Nakayama, Washington U.

LOOKING FOR A NEW TWIST TO SURVIVING COLLEGE MATH AND ENGINEERING?

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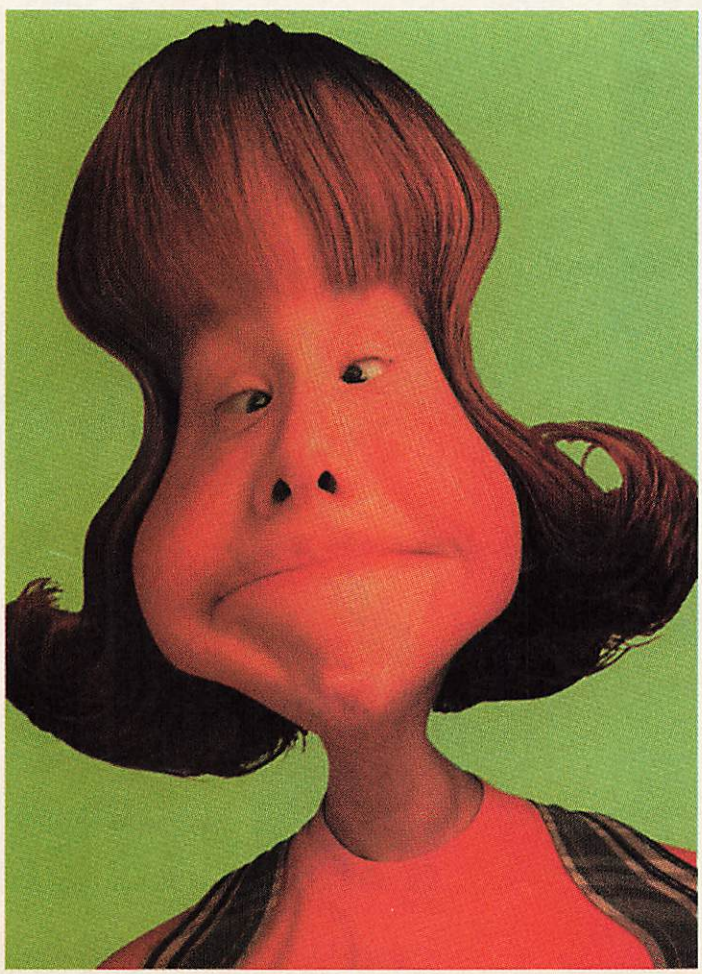

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